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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 0310

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR MY CH VN

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND ON PARACEL DISPUTE

1. CHARGE REQUESTED BY MFA UNDERSECY TALALIA PROVIDE DETAILS OF RECENT SINO-VIETNAMESE ENCOUNTER OVER PARACEL ISLANDS AS WELL AS BACKGROUND DATA ON CONFLICTING CLAIMS TO PARACELS AND TO DANGEROUS GROUNDS. OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS WHETHER PRC PROVOKED IN SOME WAY BY GVN TO ASSERT ITSELF AT THIS TIME, AS TALALLA SPECULATED, OR WHETHER THIS FIRST STEP IN PROGRAM TO TAKE CONTROL OF ALL ISLANDS AND REEFS IN SOUTH CHINA SEA CLAIMED BY CHINA BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED OIL DEPOSITS IN THIS REGION. MALAYSIA CONCERNED BOTH FOR SECURITY OF REGION AND BECAUSE THEY CONCEIVABLY WOULD HAVE SOME CLAIM TO PORTION OF DANGEROUS GROUNDS SHOULD EXTENDED RESOURCES ZONE BE AGREED TO AT UPCOMING UN LOS CONFERENCE.

2. ACTION: REQUEST VIA CABLE BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS ON PARACEL SITUATION THAT CAN BE PASSED TO GOM FOLLOWED BY POUCHED MATERIALS DEALING WITH OVERLAPPING CLAIMS.

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